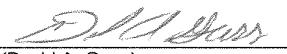


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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This paper is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 30, 2007 and is timely filed by virtue of the Request for Extension of time submitted herewith. Should fees that accompany this request be found insufficient, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the appropriate fees from Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under order no. 30986/41550.

**Amendments to the Specification:** None.

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